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In response to the Official Action of August 16, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 16, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above mentioned Official Action, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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